

Francisco Rodriguez

Superintendent/President
MiraCosta Community College District
San Diego, California



Dr. Francisco Rodriguez was appointed superintendent/president of the MiraCosta Community College District in January 2009. The MiraCosta College district serves more than 18,000 credit and noncredit students at three campuses in North San Diego County. Celebrating his 27th year of service to California public higher education, Dr. Rodriguez began his community college career in 1997 at Woodland Community College in the Yuba Community College District, where he served as associate dean of Instruction and Student Services, and executive dean (now titled president). In 2003, he was appointed president of Cosumnes River College in Sacramento and served in that capacity for six years.

Prior to beginning his community college career, Dr. Rodriguez worked for 12 years in Student Affairs at UC Davis and served in various capacities, including student outreach and undergraduate admissions, student leadership programs and activities, and diversity education. Dr. Rodriguez serves on the teaching faculty for the graduate education programs at Sacramento State and San Diego State Universities; serves on the advisory boards of several local and statewide organizations; and is the recipient of multiple awards and honors for his leadership and scholarship, service and contributions to higher education and to underserved communities.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Dr. Rodriguez is an English-language learner and first-generation college graduate from a working class family. He has a Ph.D. in education from Oregon State University, a master's degree in community development and a bachelor's degree in Chicano studies, both from UC Davis. He is married to Irma Rodriguez, EOPS Coordinator at Sacramento City College, and has two children – Andres, a graduate student at San Francisco State University, and Angelica, a college freshman.